GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL AND GAS FIELD IN CAMBAY BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Gas Group has suspended operations at a major Oil and Gas field in Cambay basin off the Gujarat Coast;

(b) if so, whether the British Gas has urged his Ministry to suspend drilling operations at the Cambay offshore field as its expatriate officials have had to leave following advice from the British Government;

(c) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be resumed as there are signs that tension on the border is easing; and

(d) the impact of suspension of work on production?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): British Gas, the operator, decided to suspend the drilling operations in the exploration block CB-OS/1 in the Gulf of Cambay off the Gujarat Coast.

(c) Work in the block has been resumed from the midnight of 3rd July.

(d) There is no impact on production as CB-OS/1 is an exploration block and there is no oil/gas production therefrom.